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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

re: MM Docket No. 93-25

Dear Commissioners,

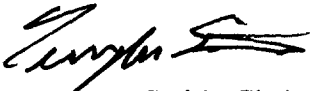
The Colorado Learning Network is a non-profit corporation that represents individuals, public school districts and boards of cooperative educational services, colleges, universities, and businesses/industry in Colorado who are interested or involved in a variety of distance-learning activities. Please accept our comments regarding MM Docket 93-25:

1. We support the reservation of four to seven percent of DBS service channel capacity for noncommercial, educational and informational programming; "rounded-off" to the closest number of channels.
2. We support the determination of channel allocation reservation for noncommercial, educational and informational programming to be based upon the number of channels supplied to customers. This is regardless of the extent of signal compression employed by the DBS service.
3. We do not support the notion of "grandfathering" current DBS service providers from the reservation of channel allocation for noncommercial, educational and informational programming.
4. We support the Federal Communications Commission as being responsible for determining any violations of its rules or federal statutes by noncommercial, educational and informational programming distributed by DBS.
5. We support the definition of noncommercial, educational and informational programming as determined by criteria established by Congress.

bargaining to occur regarding the actual extent of rate reduction. The bargaining agency should be designated as the state department of education in the state where the DBS signal is uplinked.

7. We support the notion of regular reports from the DBS service provider to the Commission to assure the extent to which the DBS service provider's obligations for noncommercial, educational and informational programming are being met.
8. We would support a regulation that stipulates a percentage of the DBS service provider's revenue to be given to the state department of education in the state wherein the revenue was received. Those funds should be earmarked for use in developing educational telecommunications and distance-learning in the state/region.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Lee Smith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Terry Lee Smith, Chairman
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